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DAILY REPUBLICAN.

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WEDNESDAY EVE, MARCH 16, 1902.

The Republican agreement with France based on sugar was signed yesterday by President Carnot.

THOUSANDS of penniless negroes are going toward the Oberon Strip in the hope of getting home.

Gov. R. Q. Mills, it is now conceded, will be elected United States Senator from Texas, to succeed Chilton.

JERRY SIMMONS is going to Michigan to open a campaign of education. Jerry has a head but no socks, and insists that the head and not the socks is the think-tank.

Senator FARMER has introduced a bill in the senate to erect a public building in Lincoln, to cost \$100,000. Now why does the General introduce a bill for Congressmen's boots?

REPUBLICANS should not forget the Oberon township precinct primaries on Friday night. These primaries should be well attended and should select good delegates, such as will select good Republicans for the office.

The Republican township convention will be held Saturday evening at the court house. The delegates will be selected the evening before. Republicans should remember this and make their arrangements accordingly.

The universal verdict of the people and the press is in favor of Governor Mills, and not a single one of the bores seems to be able to stand alone, and yet as a rule the subjects of these bores are good men, but they have each and all made the mistake of selecting a bad year.

The Pennsylvania Attorney-General has brought action against the Reading Railroad Company, which has secured a monopoly on the anthracite coal business of the state. He hopes to be able to break up the trust. There is no tariff on anthracite coal, and yet there is a trust controlling that product.

The anti-Fifer man in Will county claim the primaries were carried by the shrewd work of Henry Dement, warden of the penitentiary, and they have determined to make more war in the convention. The chances are that instructions for Fifer will be defeated. The delegates, however, are likely to be for him.

These appear, judging from the tone of the English press, a fair prospect for the defeat of the Conservatives at the coming general election. Should this defeat occur the majority would consist of the Gladstonians, proper Unionists and Irish, which represent elements that are too apt to assume antagonistic attitudes to promise extended power.

At the counties except Venezuela, Haiti and Colombia, from which we have sugar, molasses, coffee, tea or hides have entered into reciprocal contracts with this country under the McKinley law, and the President has issued his proclamation putting into force the duties provided by law on these products.

Since the late Republican congressional local committee meeting in this city, Dr. A. T. Barre of McLean county, has had new honors conferred upon him by his naming friends at Bloomington. It was Chairman Barre's vote which thwarted the attempt to disfranchise voters in McLean county, and now Barre is styled by the Bloomington Leader as "The Hero of McLean."

Barre may be a dark horse in the convention.

Falselyhoods About Reciprocity. The Chicago Daily News true to its free trade principles, which involve either falseness or misrepresentation, says, "The sense of the people at large is that trade reciprocity is limited tariff reform, and as such, is creditable even to a party committed to high tariff," aside from the fact that the free traders who call themselves "free traders" are not free traders.

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Electric Bitters. This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other afflictions caused by impure blood. It will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial fevers. For cure of Headache, Consumption and Indigestion, try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00 per bottle, at King & Wood's Drug Store, 6m

La Grippe successfully treated. "I have just recovered from a second attack of the grip this year," says Mr. J. O. Jones, publisher of the Leader, "and I can say that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days, against ten days for the first attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy, as I had to go to bed about six hours after being struck with it, while in the first one I was able to attend to business about two days before getting down." 60 cent bottles for sale at Neider's Pharmacy.

Every man got every cent he earned, and every man earned every cent he got, there would be a different distribution of incomes.

New Washington, Penn. People are not slow about taking hold of a new thing. If the article has merit, a few months ago David Byers of that place bought his first stock of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He has sold it all and orders more. He says: "It has given the best of satisfaction. I have warranted every bottle, and have not had one come back." 50 cent and \$1.00 bottles for sale by Neider's Pharmacy.

Cows coming in in the fall will cost 30 cents more than in the spring. The same food that they eat in the spring.

A Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism. Messrs. C. and Sherman, of Alexander, Texas, write regarding a remarkable cure for rheumatism as follows: "The wife of Mr. Wm. Pratt, the Postmaster here, had been bed-ridden with rheumatism for several years. She could get nothing to do her any good. We sold her a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and she was completely cured by it. We refer you to the Chicago Post for the full story."

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COFFEE. No. 2 Brown, 20c; No. 1 Golden, 25c; Old Government Java, 30c; Molasses XXXX, 10c.

SOAPS. Portian, 8 bars, 25c; Portian, 16 bars, 50c; Old English, 6 bars, 25c.

SUGAR. N. O. Granulated, 23 lbs \$1.00; H. & E. Granulated, 22 lbs 1.00; White C, 24 lbs 1.00; Extra C, 26 lbs 1.00; Dark Brown, 27 lbs 1.00.

SYRUPS. White Drips, 2 gal. bottles, very fine, 60c; Arcade Drips, 2 gal. and jug, 75c; Arcade Caramel, 2 gal. and jug, 85c.

BAKING POWDER. Chicago, 1 lb can, 20c; Calumet, 1 lb can, 25c; Royal, 1 lb can, 45c; Dr. Price's, 1 lb can, 45c; Arcade, guaranteed equal to any, 1 lb can, 15c.

SALT. Best Table, 5 lb sack, 5c; Barrel, 90c.

COAL OIL. Water White, per gal., 8c; FLOUR. Arcade No. 2, 50 lb sack, \$1.20; This flour is a guaranteed equal to any made.

LAMP CHIMNEYS. Best Flint, all sizes, 5c; SHOE BLACKING. Mason's, large size, 5c; Paragon, 5c; Freizer, 7c.

AXLE GREASE. Paragon, 5c; Freizer, 7c.

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Five Different Styles of Toes; All Sizes and Widths.

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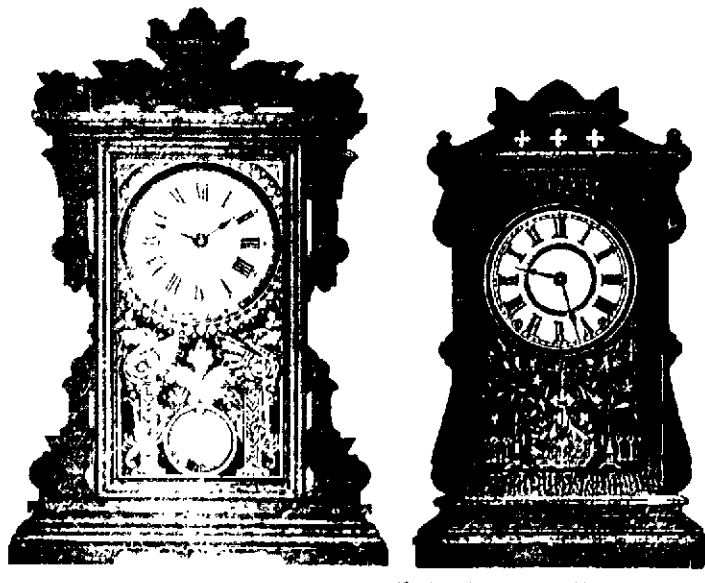
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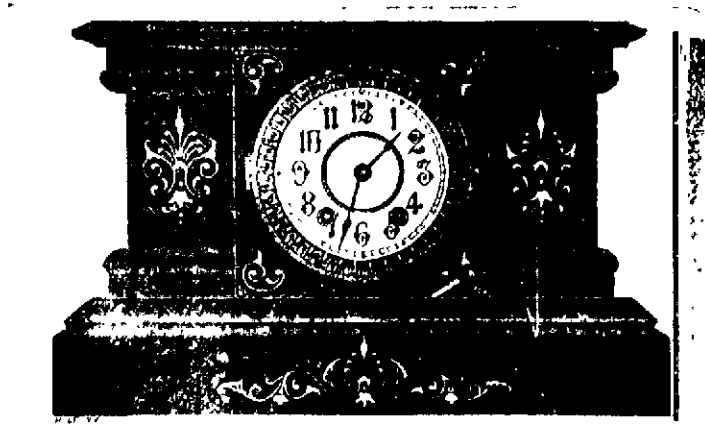


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This is the time of year you need a New Clock. We shall be glad to show you at any time.



**OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,**  
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You will miss it if you do not step in and look over our UNEXCELLED LINE.

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4 Doors West of Post Office.

1892-1855-37

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We will, as heretofore, aim to please, and you can rest assured that the best of everything to be found in a first-class men's market will always be offered you.

Thanking you for past patronage bestowed and respectfully soliciting a continuance of the same we remain,

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WEDNESDAY EVE, MARCH 10, 1902.

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The widow is the executor and her son, Joseph Drake, is named to assist her in the management of the estate. The will names of the signature to the will were: Hon. D. P. Kaler and Julia Drake.

Why can't our colored young people treat the community to a cake walk, a performance which is just now creating a furore in the great cities? There is certainly an abundance of grace, dignity and agility among our young colored people to put on a cake walk in grand style.

At a meeting of Chevalier Bayard knights, Knights of Pythias, last evening, the rank of Executive was conferred upon L. W. Hillman and the rank of Page upon Dr. J. D. Moore and John D. Moore.

DANIEL STUCKY of Harrisonville, will build a handsome residence at his lot on West William street, at the corner of College street. Bricks are being delivered on the ground to-day.

THIS evening, in one of the private dining rooms at the St. Nicholas hotel, Miss Josephine Lutz will give a dinner to about twenty of her friends. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

CHARLES E. BARNER will build a \$1200 tenement house on his lot on North Water street. It will be a five room structure of all the latest conveniences. Ground will be broken next week.

YESTERDAY afternoon Rev. W. C. Miller, who is in Chicago, N. Y., sent a telegram to Mrs. Miller stating that his mother was sick and not expected to recover.

RECTOR has it that a well known attorney, very popular among the Catholics, will soon become a benedict.

DID NOT LECTURE.

Preacher White Will go to His Home in McLean County.

Rev. J. G. White hung on tenaciously to his alleged contract for the opera house in which he expected to deliver his lecture to men only last night on Romanism. He was at the opera house entrance shortly after 7 o'clock, but the doors were closed and there was no light in the hall. A few people gathered about the entrance, not more than 25, and they stood about until Rev. White, seeing that there was no show to get inside, announced that there would be no lecture, but that he would yet give his talk in Decatur, when he could not say. He then went off to his hotel.

To-day Rev. White stated that he would remain here at least until to-morrow. He might lecture in some other place, he said. He is due at his home at Stanford in McLean county by Saturday. Next week he goes to some point near Ottawa to be present at the meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Presbytery of which he has been presiding officer ten times.

Indictment.

Chicago, March 10.—The grand jury to-day indicted Dr. Seidler for the murder of Mrs. Danton.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. W. C. Johns is in Springfield. Mrs. J. A. Thorne is in the sick list. W. H. Scruggs has returned from Alabama.

H. W. Fenton has returned from Chicago. Miss Cora James will leave for New York to-day.

Attorney John McElroy is in Chicago to-day on business.

Mr. Brennan has returned from Cambridge City, Ind.

Mrs. Z. W. Harris has returned to her home in Chicago.

Dr. J. F. Reid was at Bathing to-day on professional business.

Col. E. Sherman visited Urbana last night on I. O. O. F. business.

Mrs. W. B. Oldwell has returned to her home in Monticello.

Mrs. Frank Blaine has returned from a visit with relatives in Lake City.

Emma, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stratton, is on the sick list.

The Misses Snell of Chicago, are in the city visiting Miss Josephine Lutz.

Frank Repertine has gone to Los Angeles, Mexico, on a pleasure trip.

Thad. Schroeder, of the Wash. freight house, went to Springfield to-day on business.

Mrs. Laura Whitel has returned from a three weeks visit with relatives at Hudson, Mich.

Miss Mary Buckingham arrived home yesterday from a visit with relatives at Vandalia, Ill.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Geiger, of 312 Central avenue, on Tuesday, March 15th—a daughter.

Mrs. L. Kelley, of Rutland, Ill., is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Thann, 834 North Water street.

Miss Alice Nesbitt of Springfield, arrived in the city this morning to visit Mrs. J. G. Blay and other relatives.

Mrs. George R. Steele has been called to Pulaski, Tenn., by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. James T. Saunders.

Miss Josephine Lutz will give a 6 o'clock dinner party this evening at the St. Nicholas hotel in honor of her guests.

Dr. S. B. Swain was called to Curran, Ill., to reduce a fractured leg of a 2-year-old child, the property of Tom Smith, and valued at \$2,000.

Mrs. Dr. J. S. King departed to-day for Monticello, where she will be the guest of friends. She will visit Bloomington before returning home.

Mrs. George Lower and her daughter, Adele, left yesterday afternoon for Denver, Colo., where they will visit friends for several weeks.

C. W. Frew has been called to Coshocton, Ohio, to attend the funeral of his brother Edward's wife, who died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock.

Henry Bloomingcamp of Barnol, Montana, and Mr. Vorhase of St. Louis, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kosciak, have returned to St. Louis.

Mr. Bloomingcamp is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Kosciak.

David J. O'Leary had made preparations to leave to-night for Denver and was for an extended trip, but owing to an accident which befell his father, J. G. O'Leary, last night, he will be compelled to postpone his trip for a week or longer.

Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. to-day, received by B. Z. Taylor.

LIVE STOCK—Estimated receipts—Hogs—20,000; 10 higher. Cattle—17,000; 10 lower. GRAIN—Chicago.

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### DENTISTS GOING HOME.

CLOSE OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING—NEW OFFICERS.

Full Text of Dr. J. M. Blythe's Address—Delegates Visit the Decatur Club.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Illinois Dental Society closed at the St. Nicholas hotel, this morning, after a session of five days, during which the delegates left for their homes on the early trains, glad they had been in Decatur. They were shown all possible courtesies, many visiting the parlors of the Decatur Club.

At the session of the society yesterday afternoon in the absence of Dr. Reed, the president, Dr. Blythe, vice president, delivered a fine address which is given below:

Conclusion of Eastern Illinois Dental Society.

Less than a week since I was notified by our President, Dr. Reed, that owing to sickness in his family, he was unable to be present at this meeting. I immediately wrote him asking that he forward his address to me so that, knowing it would not be long, I could write him. I regret exceedingly not having received it. In lieu thereof of his paper I desire to tell some of the things for which we were brought out by my correspondence with the members of this society during my term as chairman of the Eastern Illinois Dental Society.

The first being the disposition of some of the members to shrink their share of the work of the association; by some the excuse given was a press of business; to my mind this should not at any time be given as a reason for the non-performance of a plain duty, and as we are each and all benefited by these meetings it then follows, we should each contribute to their success. Look at the men who are prominent in all the dental and National associations, who are they? Men who stand at the top of the ladder, both in busy practice and in the society, yet they find time to attend all of their society meetings, and help along with papers or clinics, or both. A second class are those who come to the meetings made for papers or clinics who eventually throw the communications in the waste basket as they never so much as answered them. The third class are those who expressed a timidity at offering before a body of dentists, either as the author of a paper or as a clinician, of them—well I appreciate their feelings, but as one of them. However, I feel that to make this society a success we must all be ready to do our part when called upon; we cannot all be Blacks, or Harlans, or Cashingers, but we can each contribute our mite. You each no doubt have some favorite method of treating teeth, but I think it is better to have a new to the rest of us. How better demonstrate it than by a clinic? Or you have some favorite method of treating diseased teeth, by which you are almost uniformly successful; give us your experience in a paper. You may be criticised, but that is the object of our meetings, to sift the wheat from the chaff and take only that which is good. You will after you have once been used at such a meeting that you can do better than you gave yourself credit for. I earnestly hope the executive committee for the coming year will receive great satisfaction from the more ready response to their call for workers than have your present committee. And still another class I meet; Dr. A. writes defendant with violation of ordinances of the City of Chicago, chapter 21, section 17. (Relating to gambling.)

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Quibbles About His Arrest—Offers a Thousand Dollars—Insults the Smith Family by Changing his Name.

Some time ago the REPUBLICAN published the poker exploit of Frank M. Palmer of Clinton. The facts were published with a view of exposing that gentleman's insincerity as a professed reformer. As the REPUBLICAN then said this man has for years, under the guise of a reformer, first as a Greenbacker, then as a Prohibitionist, and recently as an F. M. B. A. leader, been in the business of enticing men away from the Republican party and into the Democratic party through the medium of these third parties. The facts are that Palmer has never been anything else than a Democrat. He is of the class of Democrats the REPUBLICAN so faithfully warned the Republican farmers against two years ago—that class to which Moore and Cookrell belonged.

Mr. Palmer, it seems, takes exceptions to the statements the REPUBLICAN made against him and in last week's Clinton Register he publishes a letter in which he claims to be politically honest, but he forgets to consider the letter he says the principles of the Democratic party and those of the F. M. B. A. are the same. If that be true then Mr. Palmer has in this admitted that he is a hypocrite worse than he has been pictured for he has been foremost among the so-called farmers who are advocating a third party. If the principles, as Palmer says, are the same of the Democratic party, why advocate a third party? The answer is obvious: It is easier to get a Republican into a third party where there are Democrats who profess to be loyal to a third party. In addition to this evidence the Clinton Register defends Mr. Palmer against the attacks of the REPUBLICAN on the ground that the attack was made because Palmer is a Democrat. Here again is a confession of this man's duplicity. He was not attacked because he was a Democrat, but because he is the political fraud he by his admissions and the charges of the Register show him to be.

The character of Mr. Palmer is also shown in the fact that he has written to the REPUBLICAN in which he offers the REPUBLICAN \$1000 if it will produce a reputable policeman or any other truthful witness, who will say that he (Palmer) was ever arrested or seen in a gambling resort of Clinton. This is a mere quibble, as the REPUBLICAN simply said the Salt Creek reformer was arrested for gambling, and made no reference to the place in which he was arrested. Mr. Palmer leaves this when he is tempted by his bluff. This REPUBLICAN said he was created for gambling. That is the point, and the quibble about place is not a factor in the affair. That he was gambling and that he was arrested he himself confesses, as the following transcript of Justice McHenry's docket will show:

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